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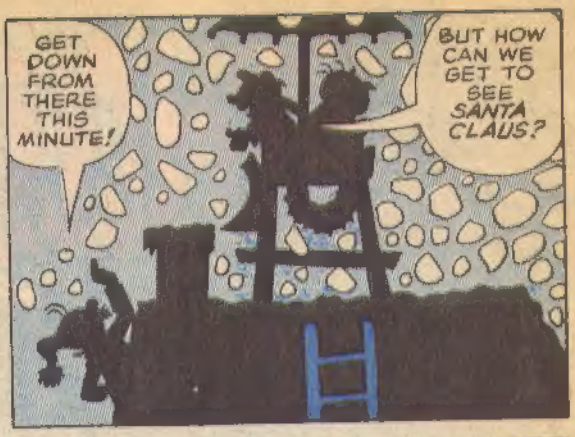
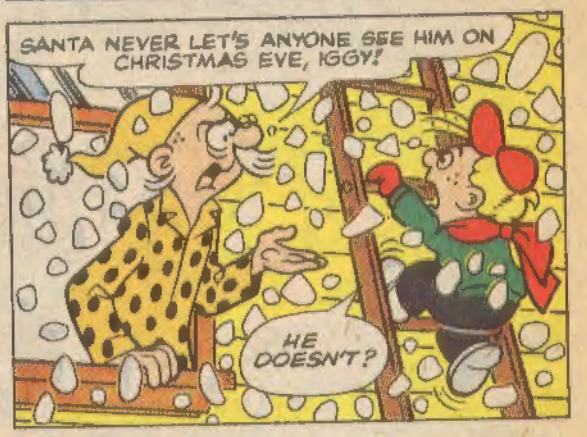

GET DOWN FROM THERE THIS MINUTE!
BUT HOW CAN WE GET TO SEE SANTA CLAUS?


SANTA NEVER LET'S ANYONE SEE HIM ON CHRISTMAS EVE, IGGY!
HE DOESN'T?

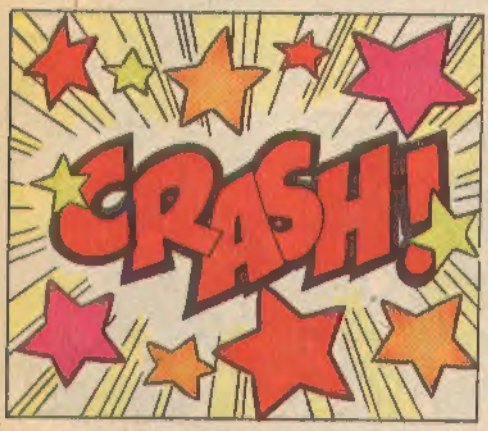
NO! HE DOESN'T SHOW UP TILL WE'RE ALL ASLEEP!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO PUT ON YOUR PAJAMAS?
I DID, GRANDPA!

...UNDER MY COAT!

GET TO BED!
OKAY, GRANDPA! I'M GOING!

LUCKY WE PUT YOUR BED IN THE LOOKOUT POST, HEATHCLIFF! KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT FOR SANTA!



WHAT DID YOU DO? WE CRASHED INTO THAT DARN WOODEN CONTRAPTION YOU BUILT!

SANTA'S LOOKOUT STATION

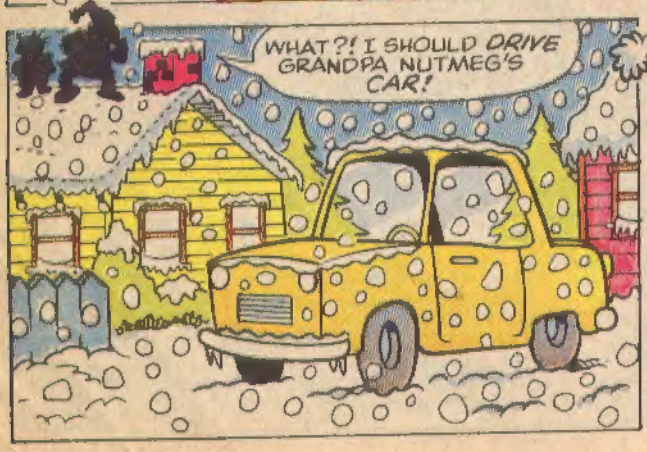
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS MY LAST STOP! NOW HOW WILL I COMPLETE MY DELIVERIES??

SAY, BOSS! ISN'T THIS THE GUY THAT ASKS FOR A FISH TANK EVERY YEAR?
YES! A FISH TANK WITHOUT THE TANK!
HEATHCLIFF

HMMM! YOU'VE CAUSED A LOT OF MISCHIEF THIS YEAR, HEATHCLIFF, AND I'VE DECIDED TO OVERLOOK IT!

BUT NOW I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO PUT YOU ON MY NAUGHTY LIST!
A ROLLS ROYCE

SIGH! IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO DELIVER THE REST OF THESE GIFTS ON TIME!


WHAT?! I SHOULD DRIVE GRANDPA NUTMEG'S CAR!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! I'LL DO THE DRIVING, IF YOU'LL BE SANTA CLAUS!
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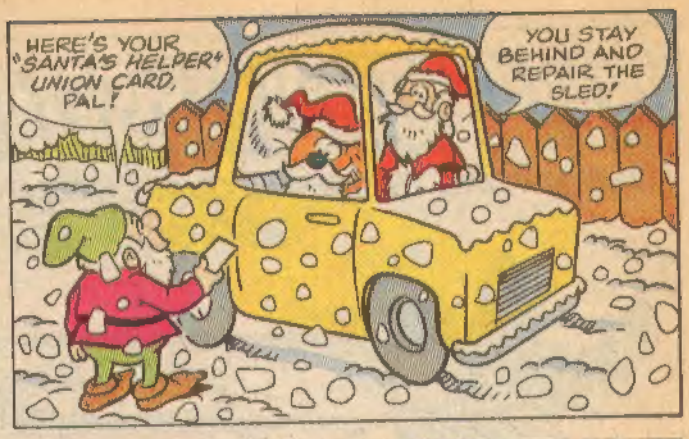
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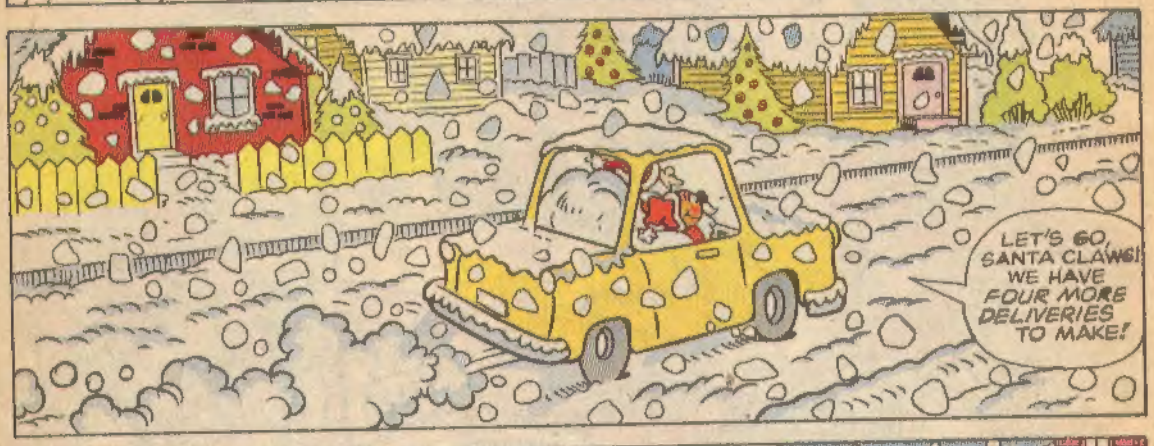
YOU STAY BEHIND AND REPAIR THE SLED!


LET'S GO, SANTA CLAWS! WE HAVE FOUR MORE DELIVERIES TO MAKE!

...CRAZY SHIRLEY...MR. ELITE, THE FISH STORE OWNER, MUGGSY FABER AND HIS DOG, SPIKE!
THE NUTMEGS
CRAZY SHIRLEY
MR. ELITE
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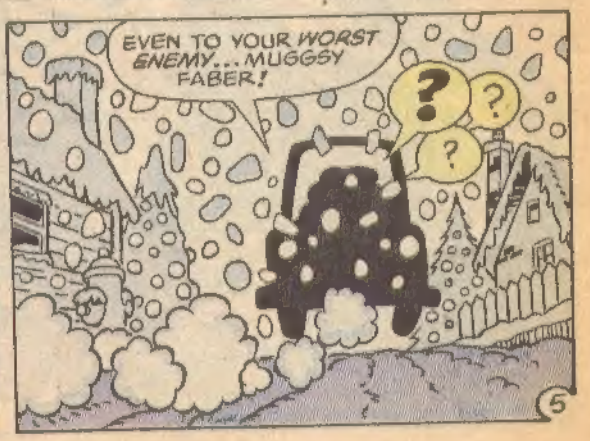
SPIKE -

COME BACK HERE, HEATHCLIFF!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY STAND-IN YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW SOME CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!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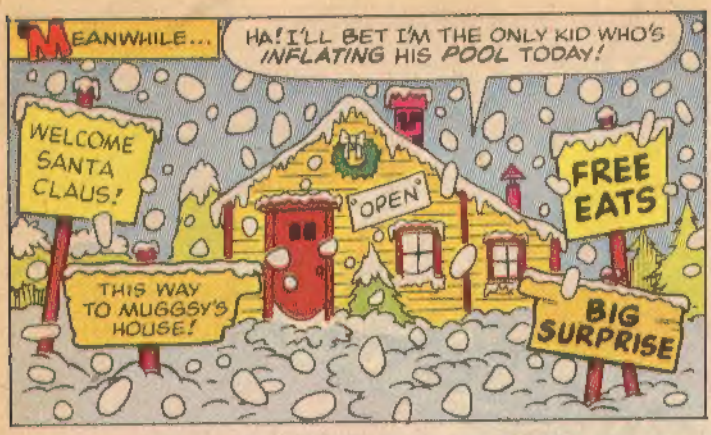
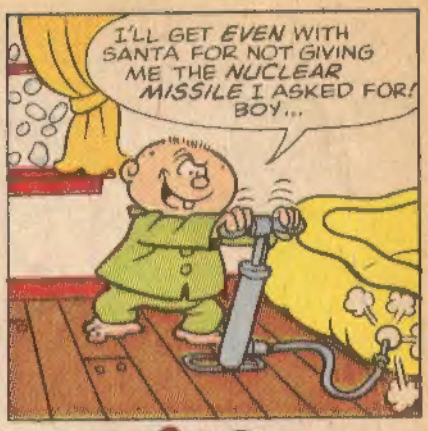
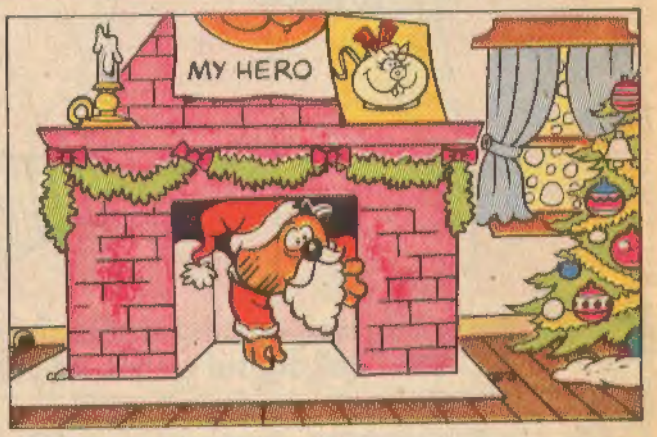

MEANWHILE...
HA! I'LL BET I'M THE ONLY KID WHO'S INFLATING HIS POOL TODAY!
WELCOME SANTA CLAUS!
OPEN
FREE EATS
THIS WAY TO MUGGSY'S HOUSE!
BIG SURPRISE


I'LL GET EVEN WITH SANTA FOR NOT GIVING ME THE NUCLEAR MISSILE I ASKED FOR! BOY...

...WILL HE BE SURPRISED WHEN HE COMES TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT! HA HA!
JUST LEAVE CRAZY SHIRLEY'S GIFTS UNDER HER TREE, HEATHCLIFF!

AND WHATEVER YOU DO, STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!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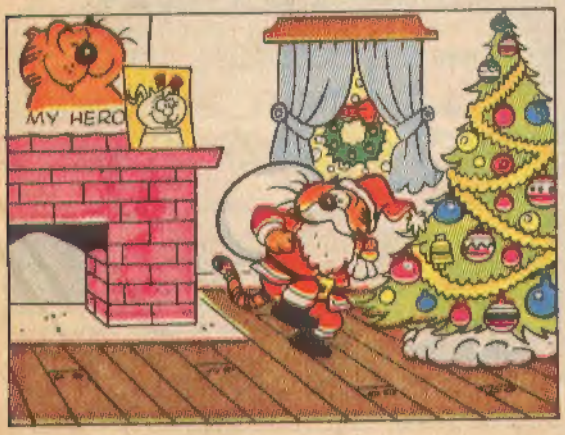
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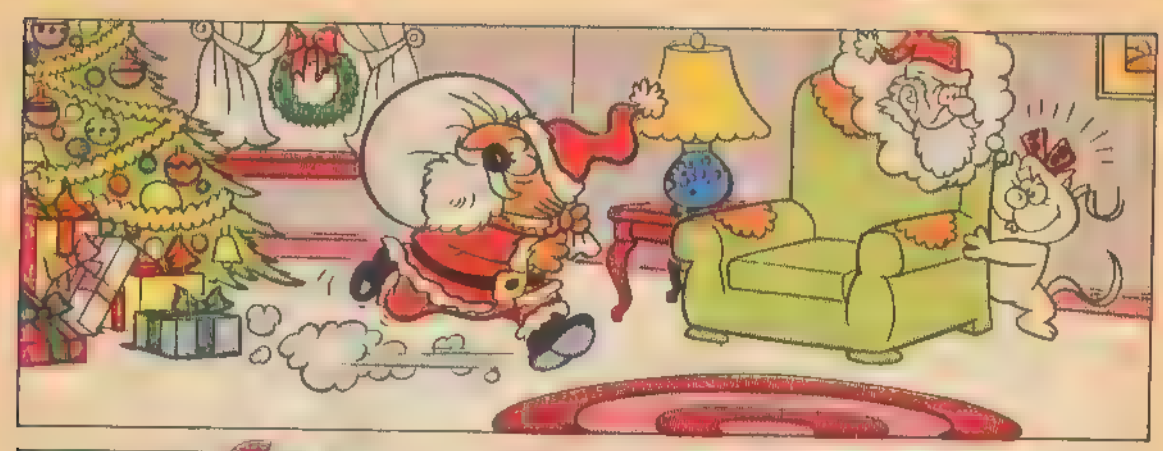

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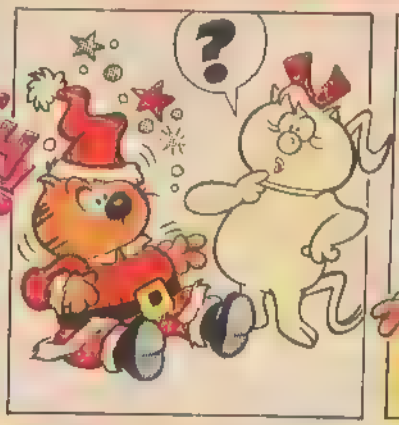
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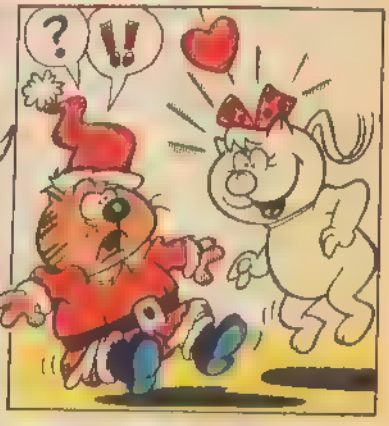
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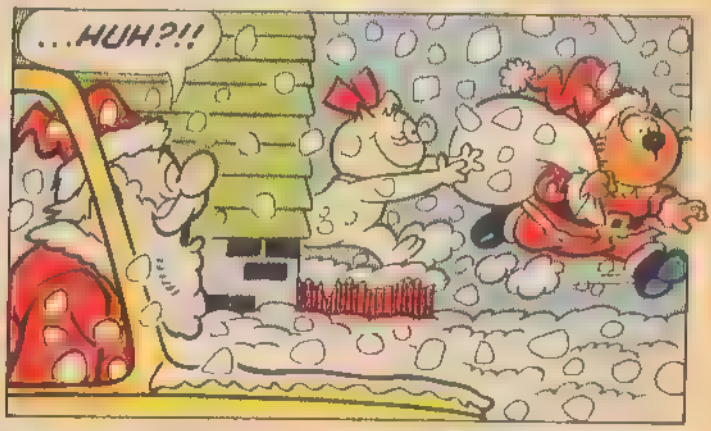
WHAT'S TAKING HEATHCLIFF SO LONG? I TOLD ..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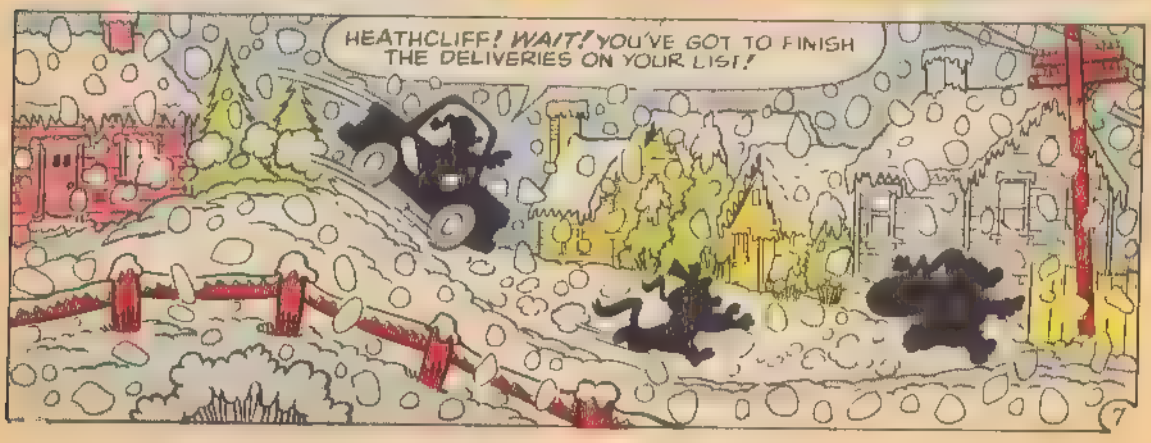
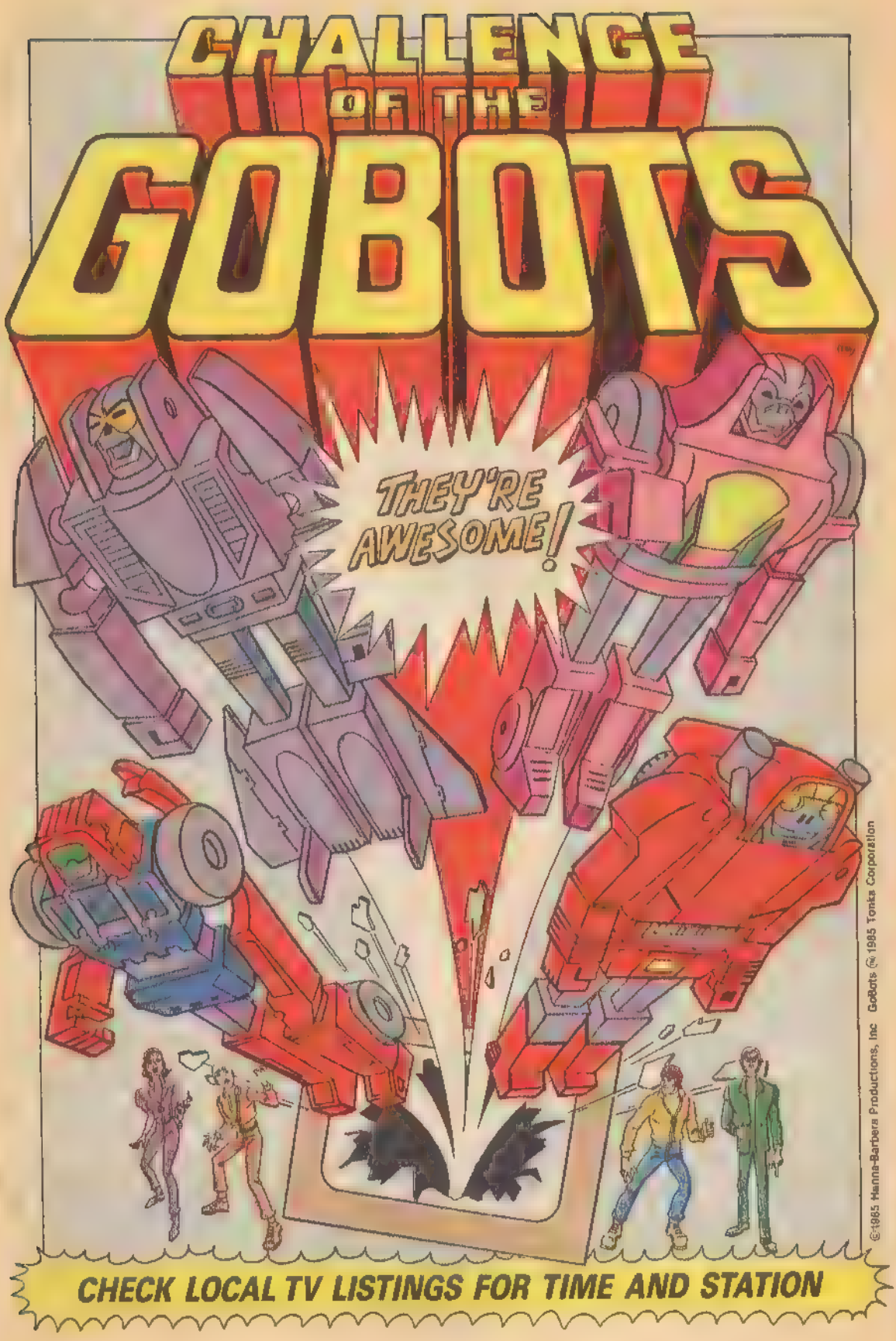

HEATHCLIFF! WAIT! YOU'VE GOT TO FINISH THE DELIVERIES ON YOUR LIST!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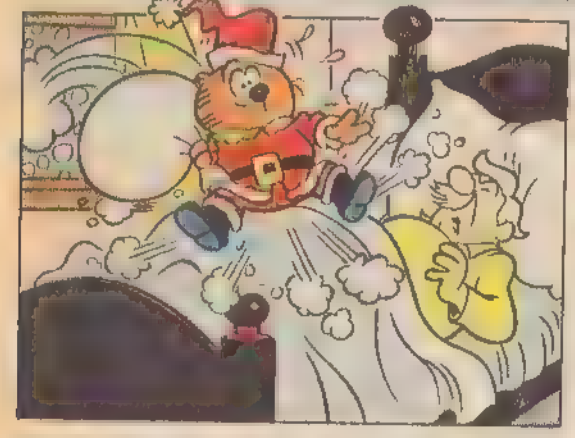
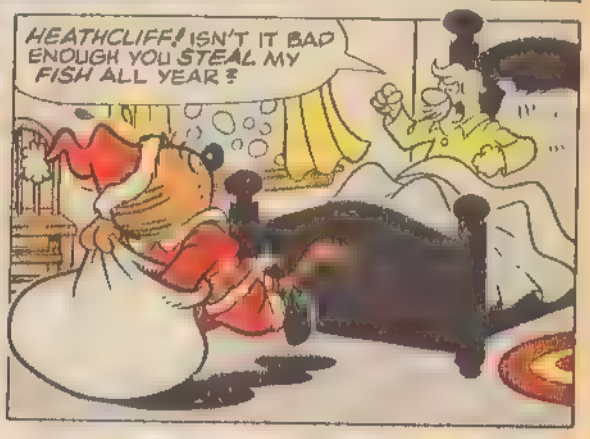
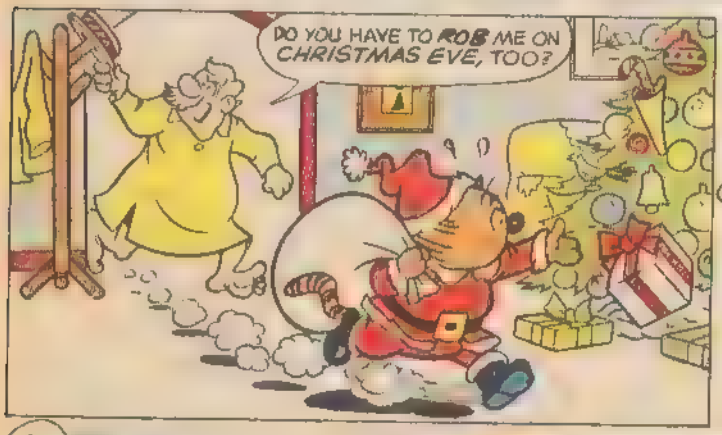



HEATHCLIFF! ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH YOU STEAL MY FISH ALL YEAR?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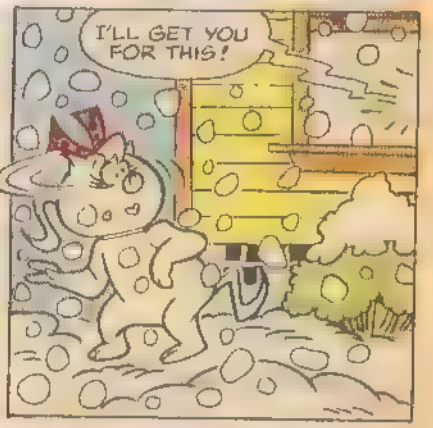
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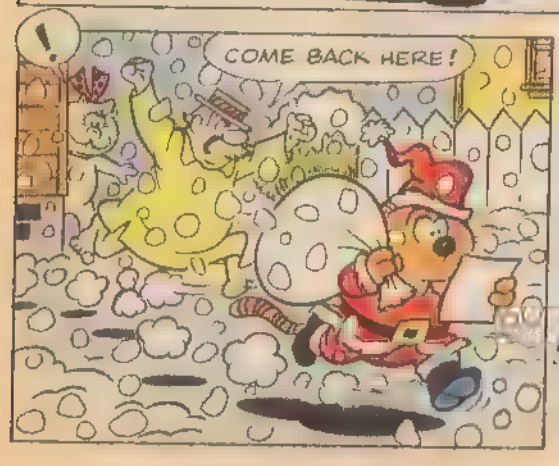
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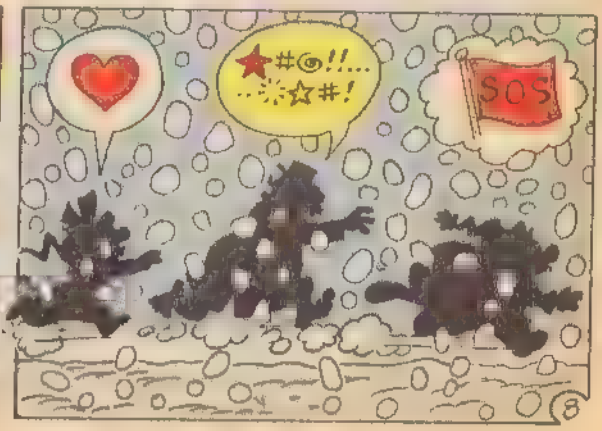
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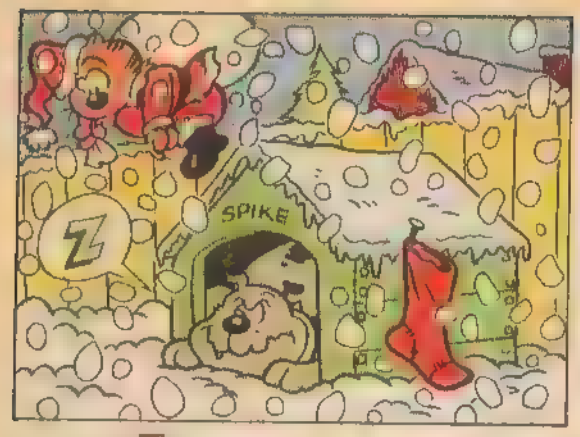
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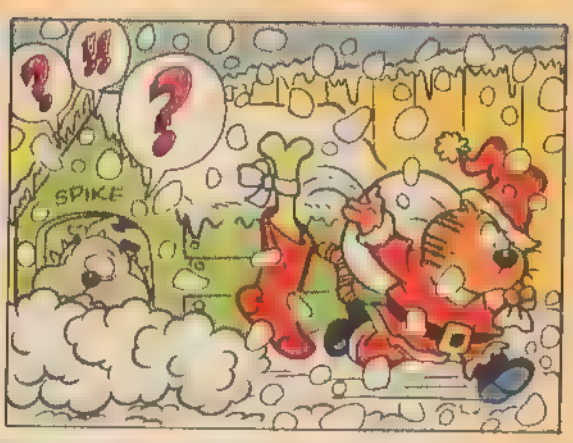
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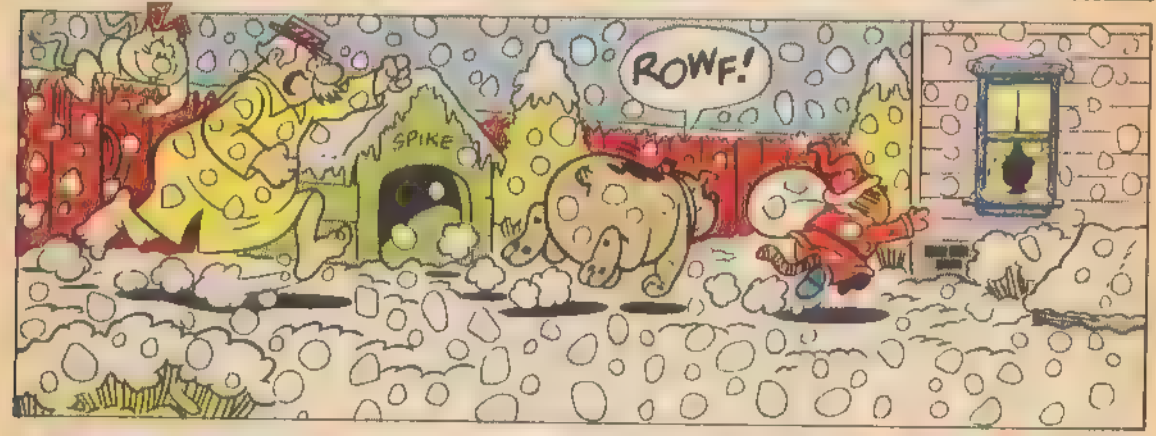
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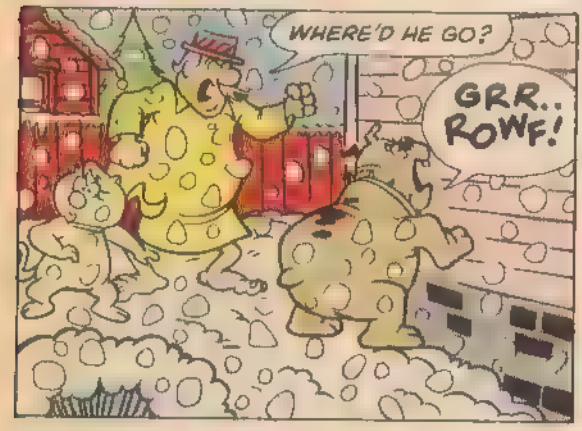
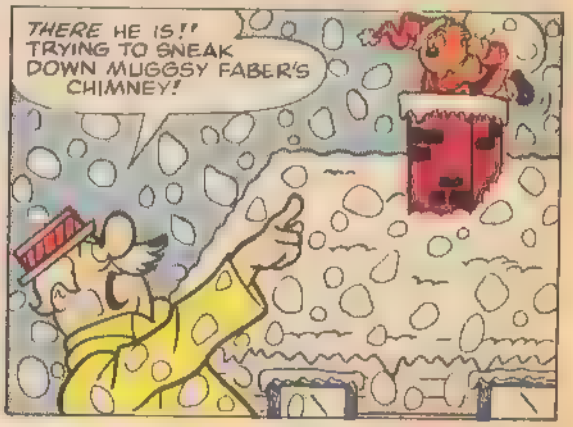
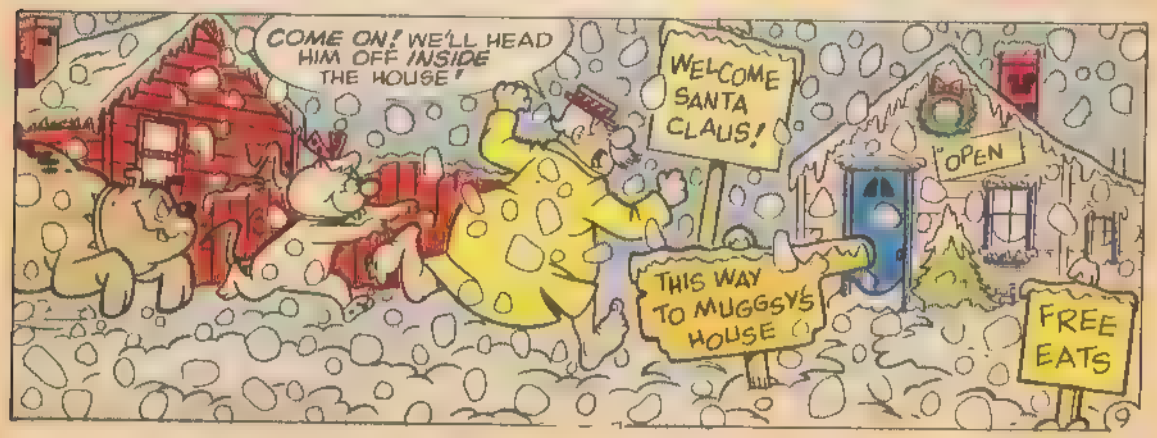
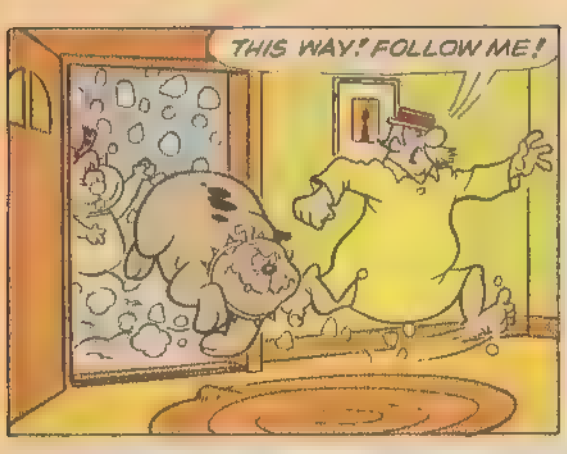
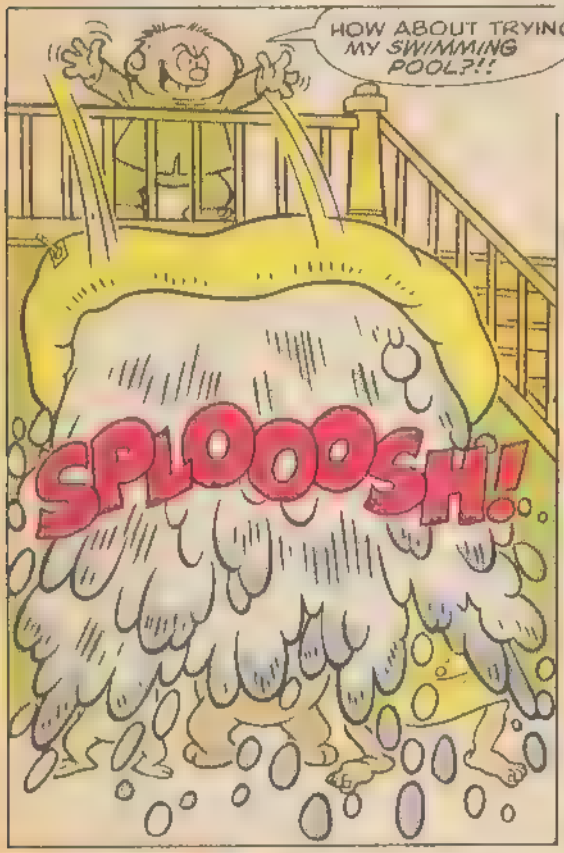

WHERE'D HE GO?
GRR.. ROWF!


THERE HE IS!! TRYING TO SNEAK DOWN MUGGSY FABER'S CHIMNEY!


COME ON! WE'LL HEAD HIM OFF INSIDE THE HOUSE!
WELCOME SANTA CLAUS!
OPEN
THIS WAY TO MUGGSY'S HOUSE
FREE EATS


THIS WAY! FOLLOW ME!

SHHHH! DO YOU HEAR A NOISE!?
HEY, SANTA!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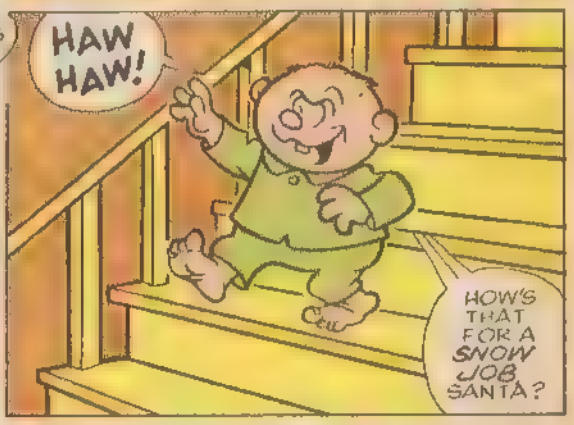
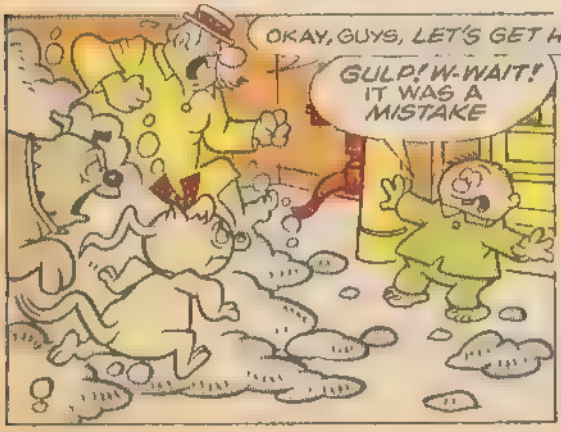
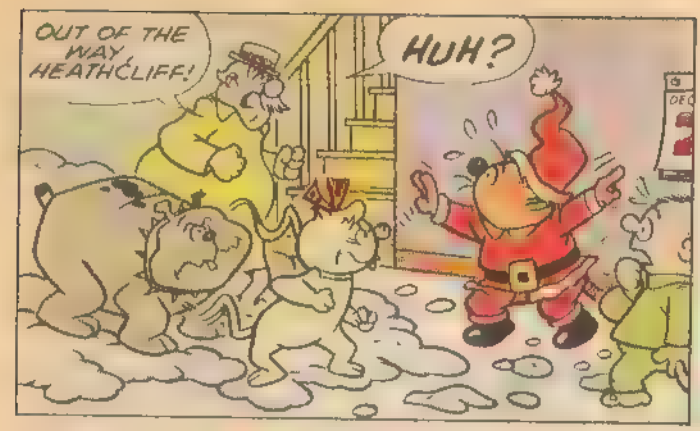

HAW HAW!
HOW'S THAT FOR A SNOW JOB SANTA?

SO! YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
WHAT TH...


OKAY, GUYS, LET'S GET HIM!
GULP! W-WAIT! IT WAS A MISTAKE

HALP!


OUT OF THE WAY, HEATHCLIFF!
HUH?

OH MY GOSH! IT-IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY!
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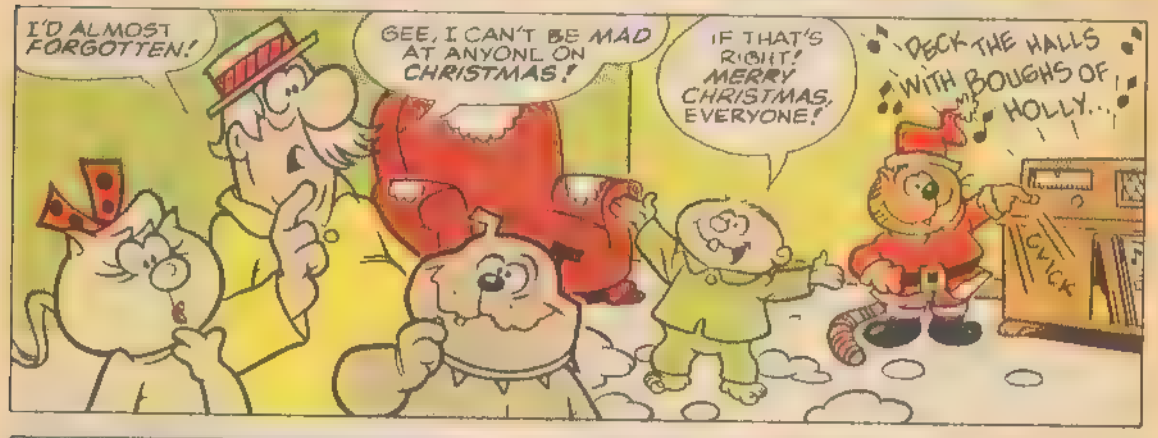
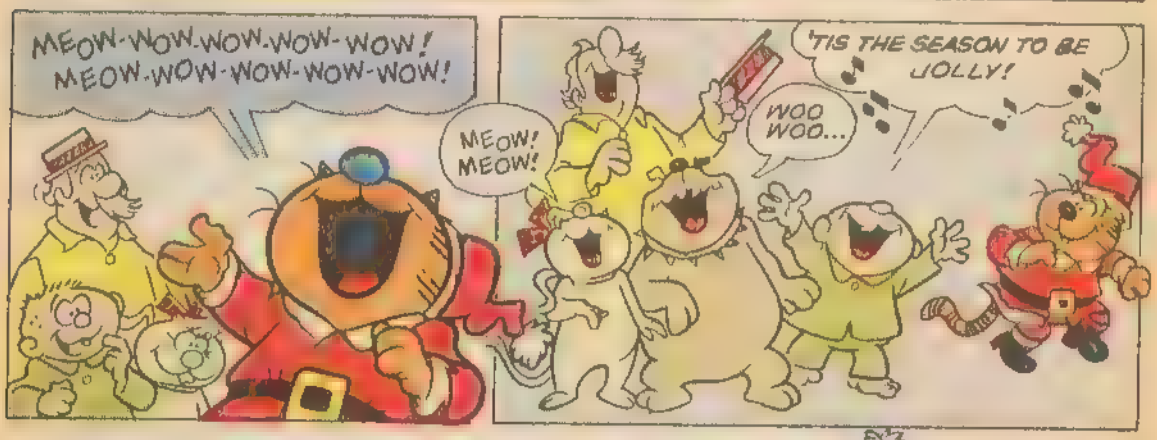
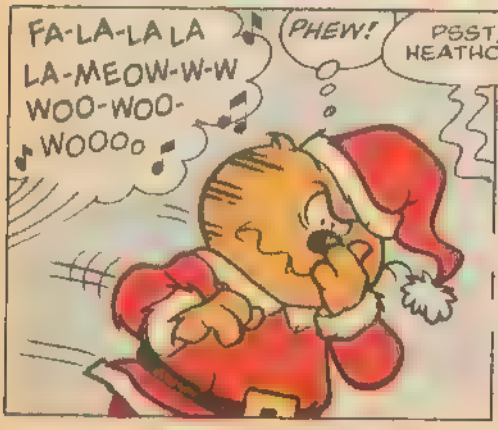
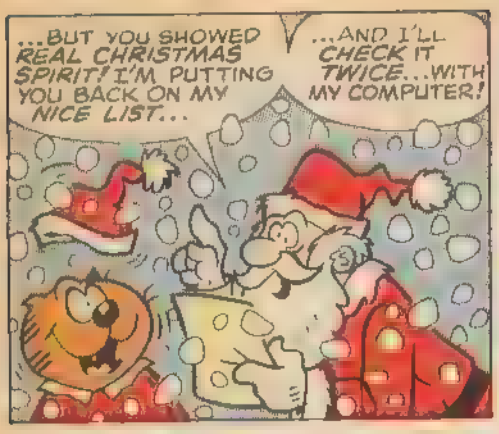

I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN!
GEE, I CAN'T BE MAD AT ANYONE ON CHRISTMAS!
IF THAT'S RIGHT! MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!
DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY...
CLICK

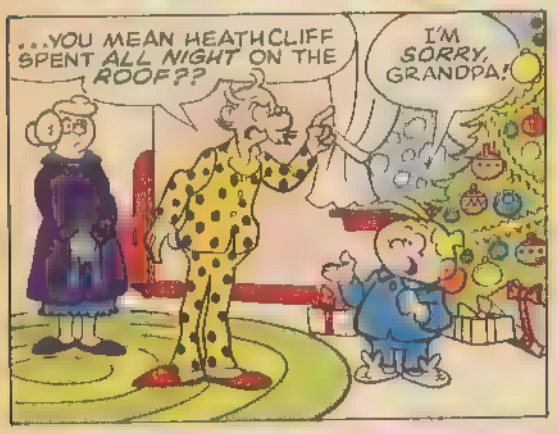

MEOW-WOW-WOW-WOW-WOW! MEOW-WOW-WOW-WOW-WOW!
MEOW! MEOW!
WOO WOO...
'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

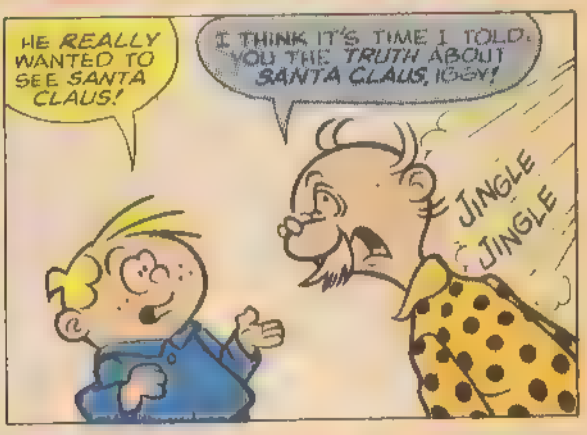

FA-LA-LA LA LA-MEOW-W-W WOO-WOO-WOOOo
PHEW!
PSST, HEATHCLIFF!

GOOD WORK!
YOU NOT ONLY FIN-SHED ALL MY DELIVERIES ..

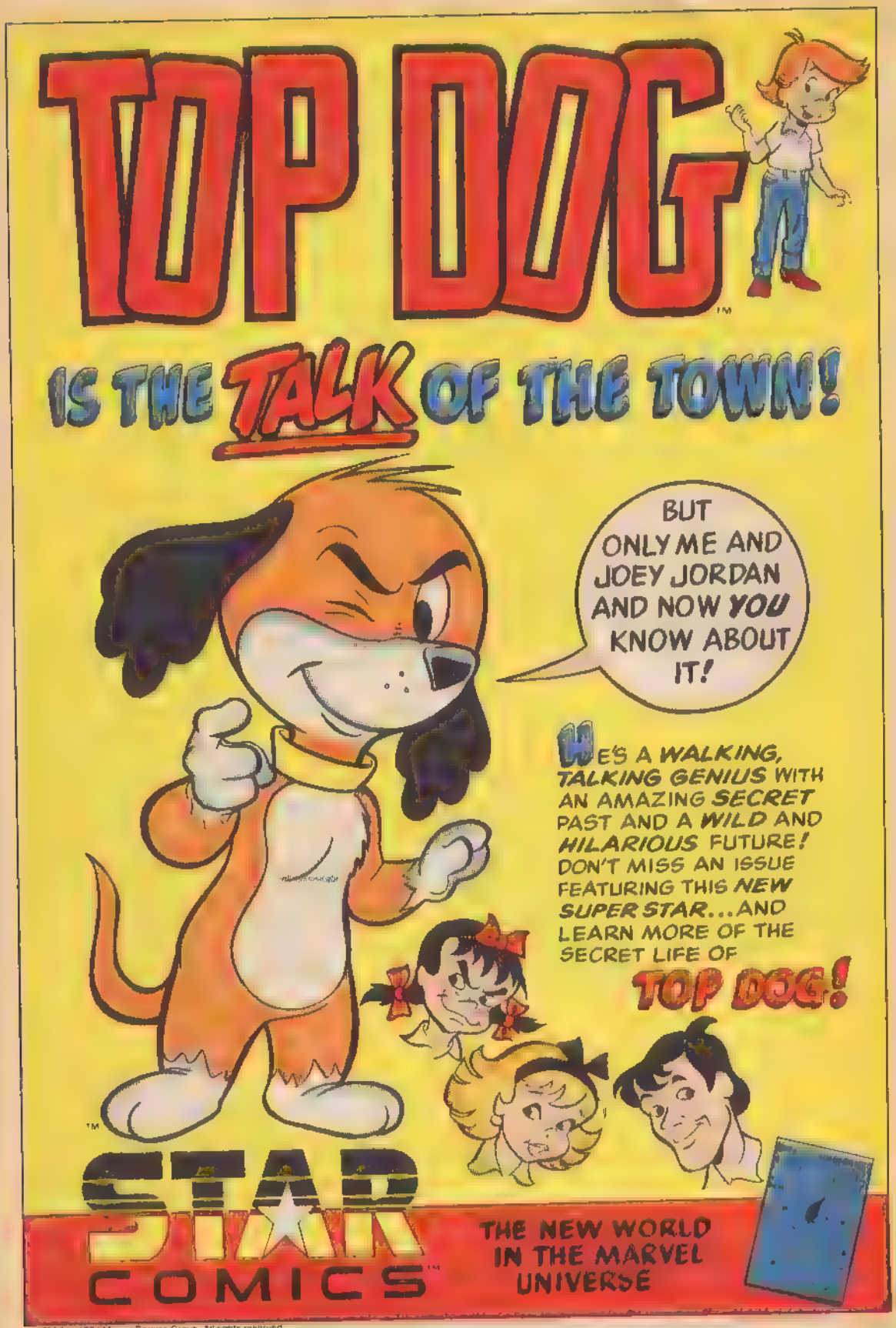

...BUT YOU SHOWED REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! I'M PUTTING YOU BACK ON MY NICE LIST...
...AND I'LL CHECK IT TWICE...WITH MY COMPUTER!

HERE COMES MY SLED! HOW ABOUT A LIFT HOME?


...YOU MEAN HEATHCLIFF SPENT ALL NIGHT ON THE ROOF??
I'M SORRY, GRANDPA!


HE REALLY WANTED TO SEE SANTA CLAUS!
I THINK IT'S TIME I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA CLAUS, IGGY!
JINGLE JINGLE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
JINGLE JINGLE
JINGLE
JINGLE
JUST AS SOON AS I SEE WHO'S MAKING ALL THAT RACKET OUTSIDE!
THE END



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A Visit From St. Nicholas

by Iggy Nutmeg

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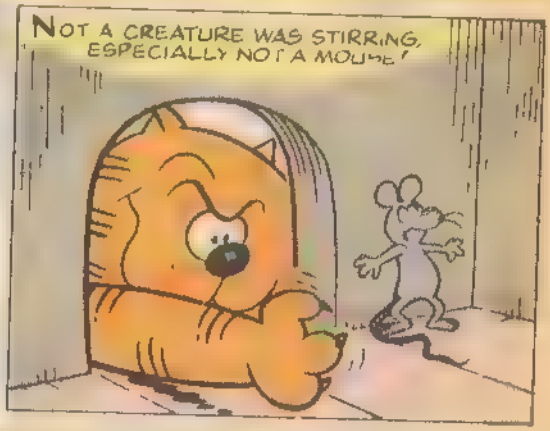
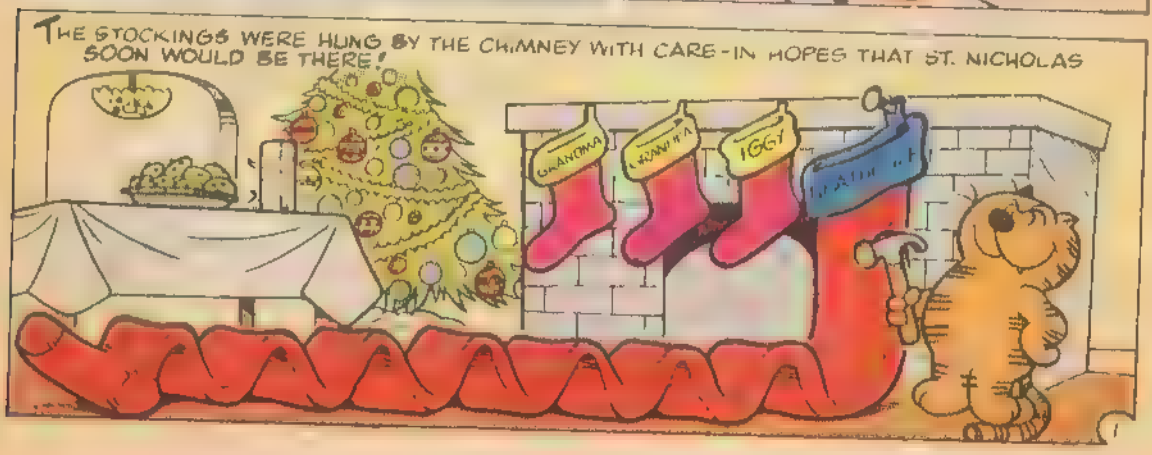
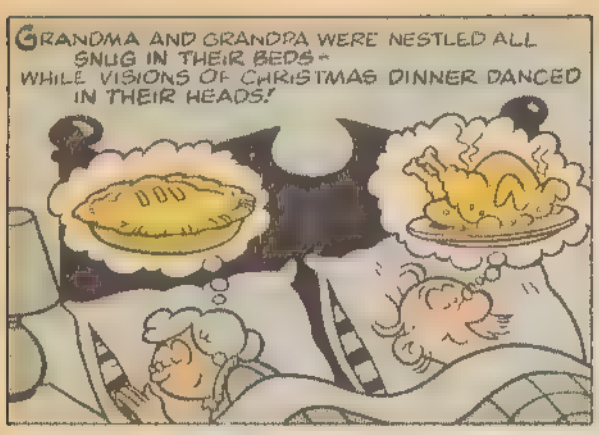
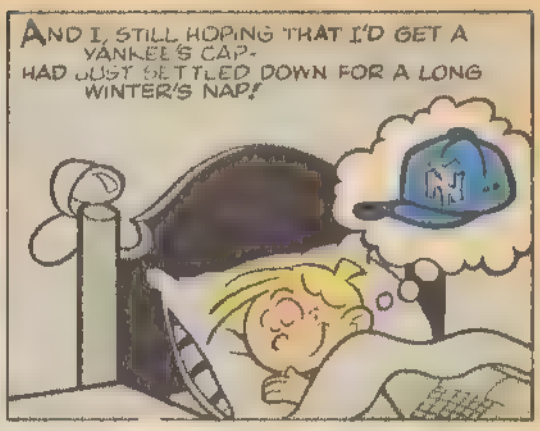
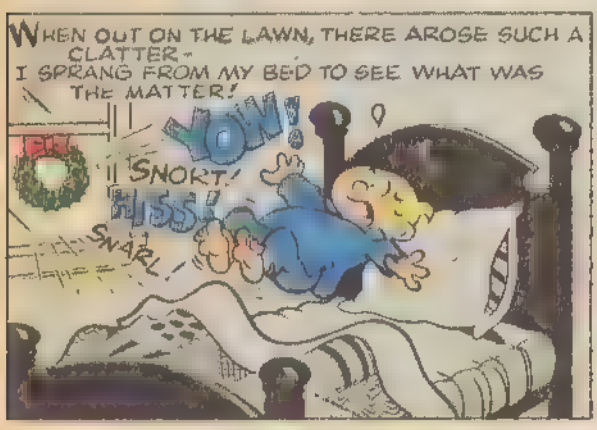
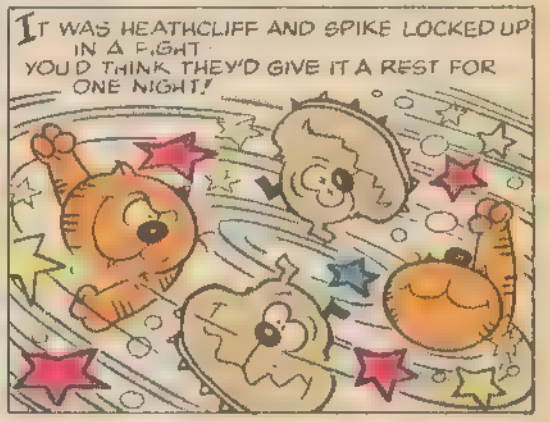


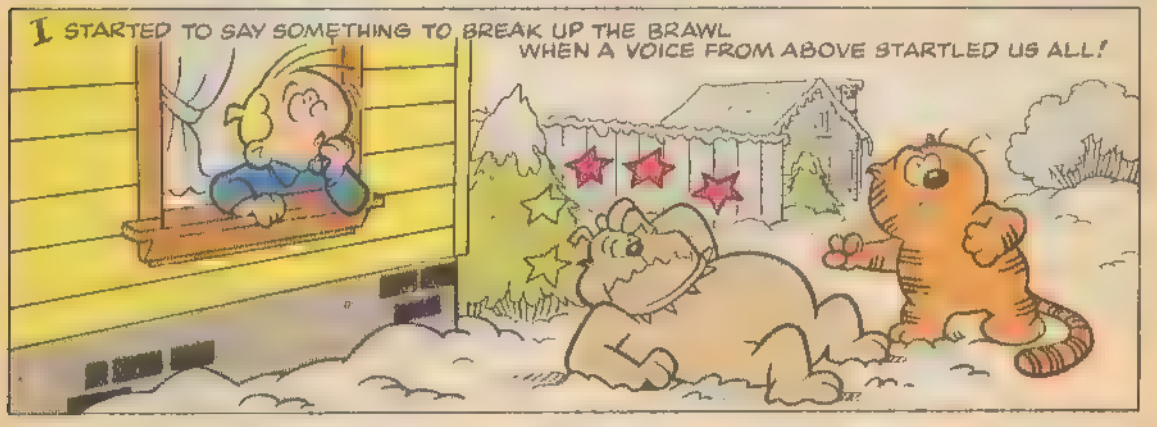


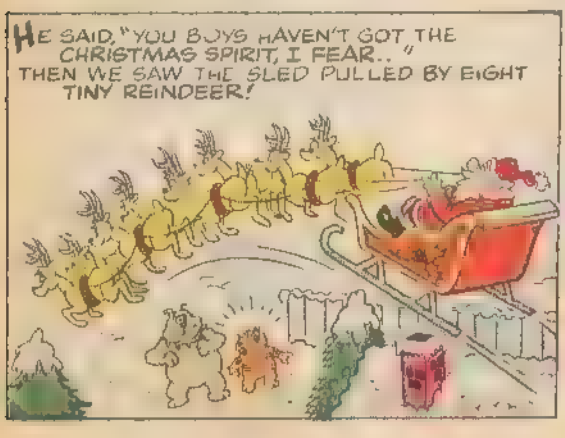

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA WERE NESTLED ALL SNUG IN THEIR BEDS-
WHILE VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCED IN THEIR HEADS!

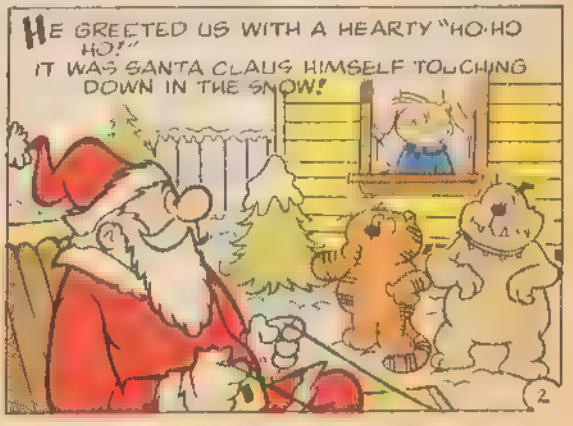

AND I, STILL HOPING THAT I'D GET A YANKEE'S CAP-
HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN FOR A LONG WINTER'S NAP!


WHEN OUT ON THE LAWN, THERE AROSE SUCH A CLATTER-
I SPRANG FROM MY BED TO SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER!
YOW!
SNORT!
HISS!
SNARL!

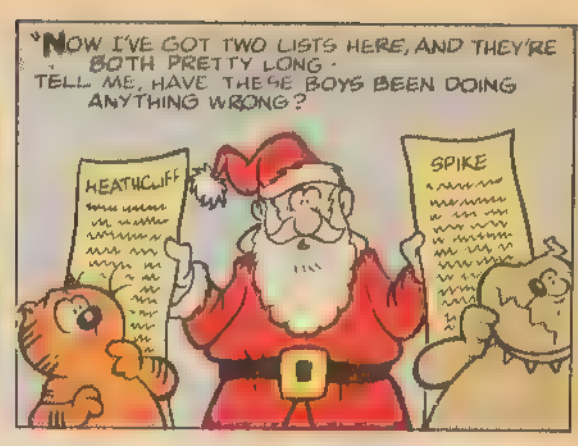

IT WAS HEATHCLIFF AND SPIKE LOCKED UP IN A FIGHT
YOU'D THINK THEY'D GIVE IT A REST FOR ONE NIGHT!

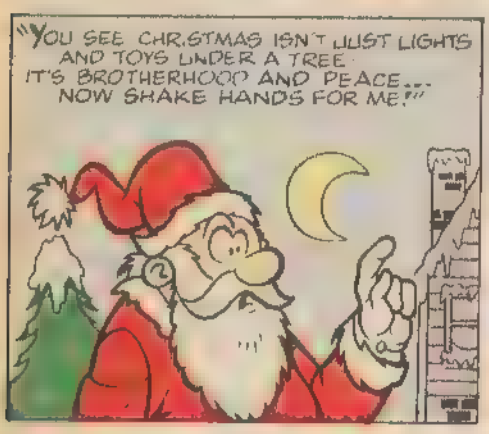

I STARTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO BREAK UP THE BRAWL
WHEN A VOICE FROM ABOVE STARTLED US ALL!

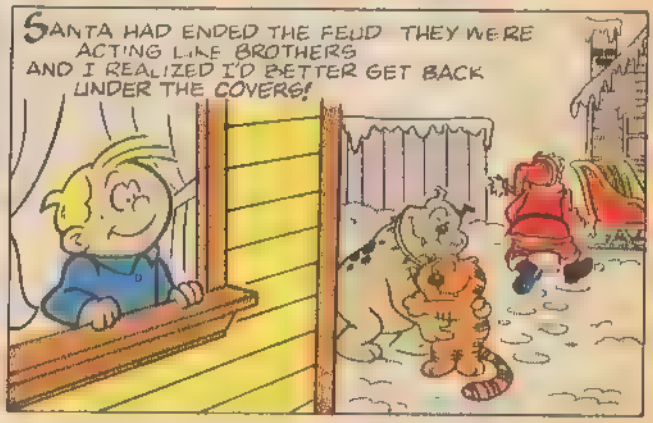

HE SAID, "YOU BOYS HAVEN'T GOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, I FEAR.."
THEN WE SAW THE SLED PULLED BY EIGHT TINY REINDEER!

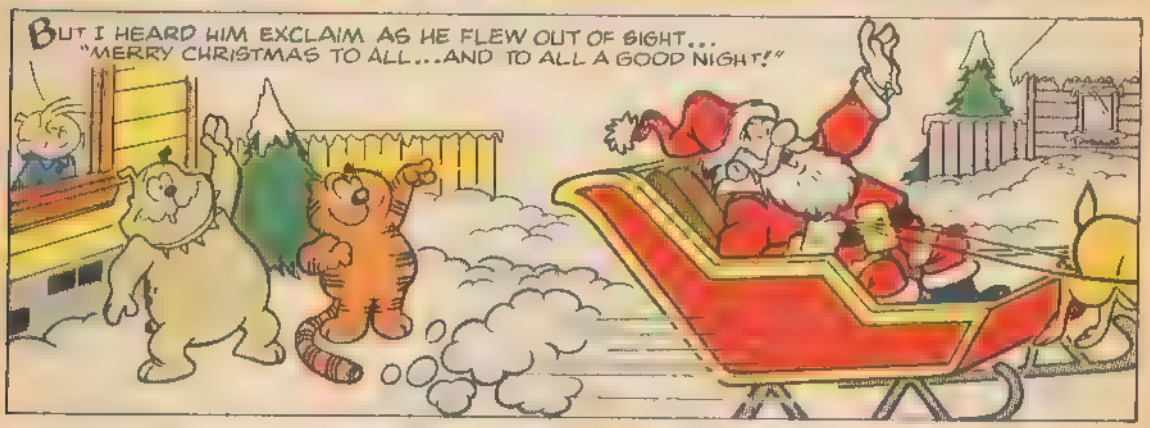

HE GREETED US WITH A HEARTY "HO-HO HO!"
IT WAS SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF TOUCHING DOWN IN THE SNOW!

"YOU GUYS SEEM TO TUSSLE WITH NO REASON OR RHYME
YOU KNOW I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME!

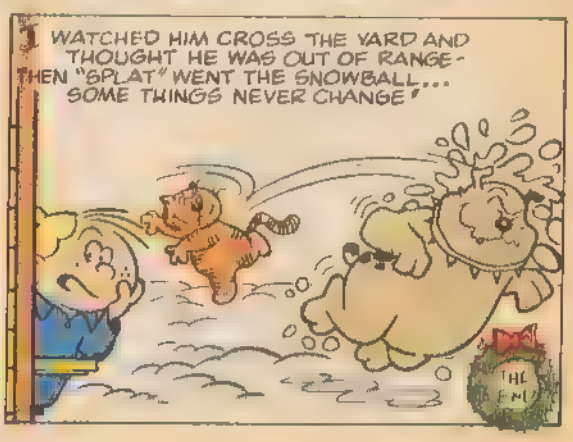

"NOW I'VE GOT TWO LISTS HERE, AND THEY'RE BOTH PRETTY LONG.
TELL ME, HAVE THESE BOYS BEEN DOING ANYTHING WRONG?
HEATHCLIFF
SPIKE


"YOU SEE CHRISTMAS ISN'T JUST LIGHTS AND TOYS UNDER A TREE
IT'S BROTHERHOOD AND PEACE...
NOW SHAKE HANDS FOR ME!"


SANTA HAD ENDED THE FEUD THEY WERE ACTING LIKE BROTHERS
AND I REALIZED I'D BETTER GET BACK UNDER THE COVERS!


BUT I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM AS HE FLEW OUT OF SIGHT...
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

SANTA FADED FROM VIEW AND SPIKE GOT UP TO LEAVE
WE'D ALL LEARNED A LOT ON THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE!


I WATCHED HIM CROSS THE YARD AND THOUGHT HE WAS OUT OF RANGE-
THEN "SPLAT" WENT THE SNOWBALL...
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!
THE END

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HEATHCLIFF IN "OPERATION Baby Bait"

BY Gary Goldberg

G-GRANDMA?...WHAT'S WRONG?

OH, GRANDPA! I...I'VE BEEN ROBBED!

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ROBBED? OH, YOU POOR THING! I'M SO SORRY!

AND HE WAS SO N-NASTY LOOKING!

YOU JUST SIT RIGHT HERE AND TELL US WHAT HAPPENED!

HERE'S SOME TEA AND COOKIES, GRANDMA NUTMEG!

THANK YOU, IGGY! THANK YOU, HEATHCLIFF! IT HAPPENED ON MY WAY HOME FROM THE MARKET!

THE WEATHER WAS SO NICE I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A STROLL THROUGH THE PARK...

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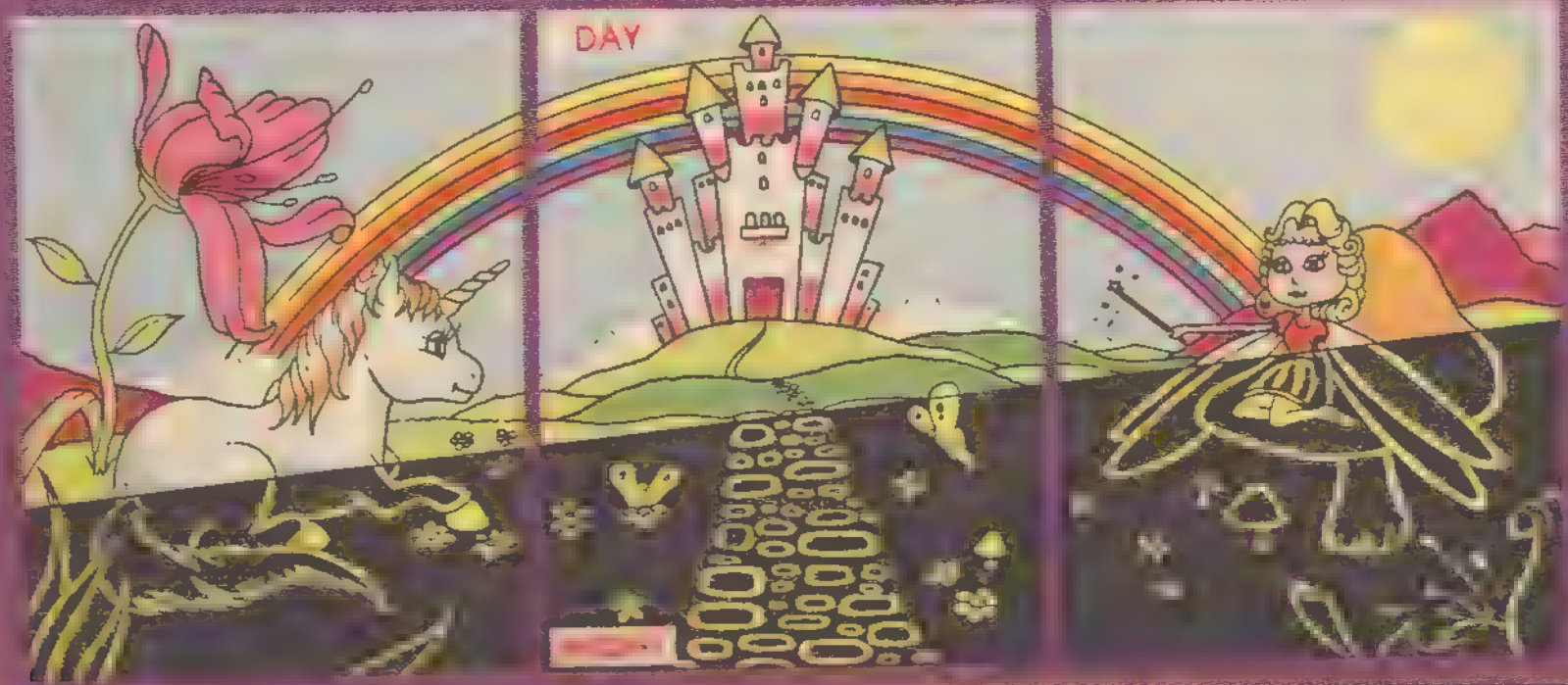
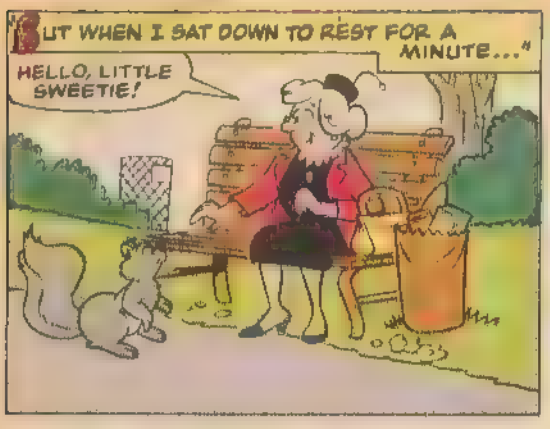
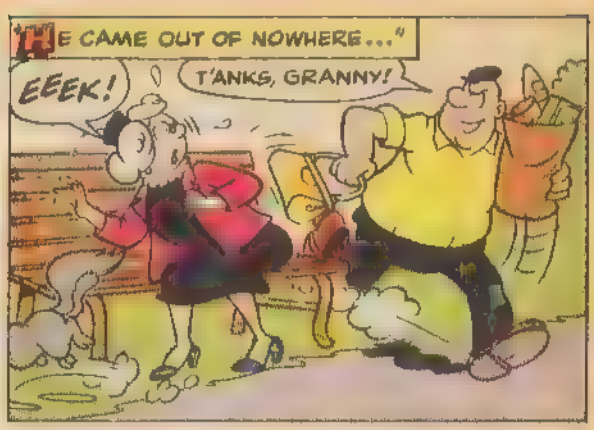
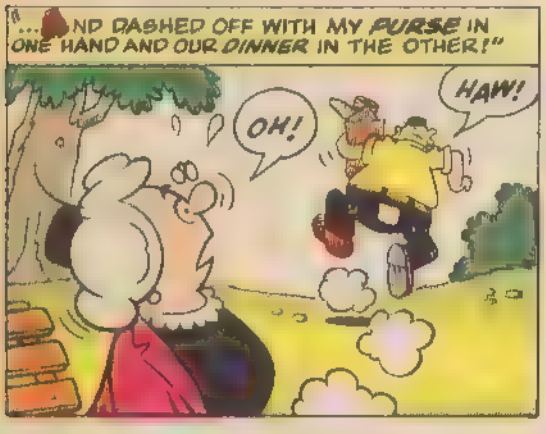
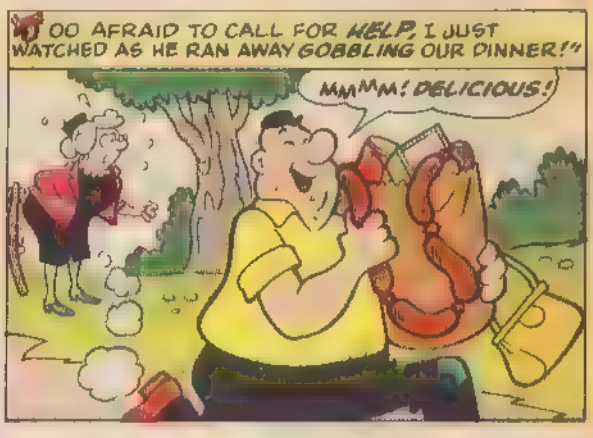
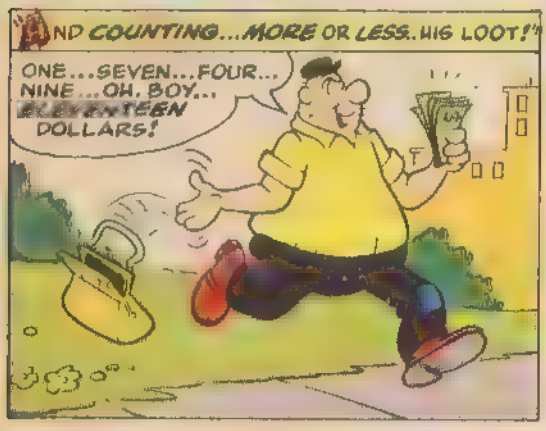


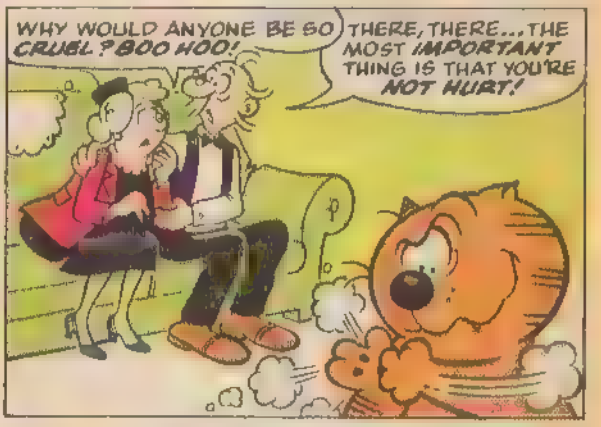

BUT WHEN I SAT DOWN TO REST FOR A MINUTE..."
HELLO, LITTLE SWEETIE!

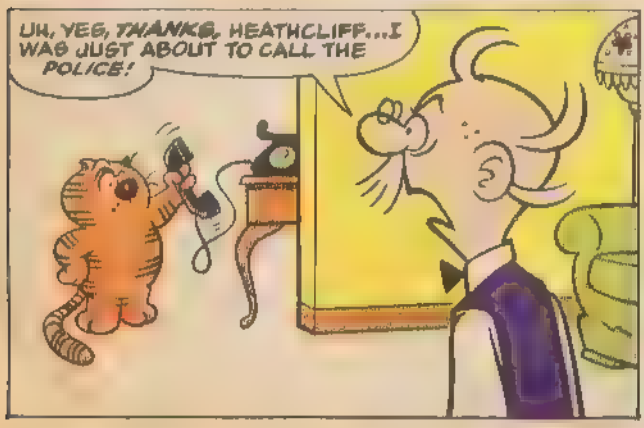

HE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE..."
EEEK!
T'ANKS, GRANNY!

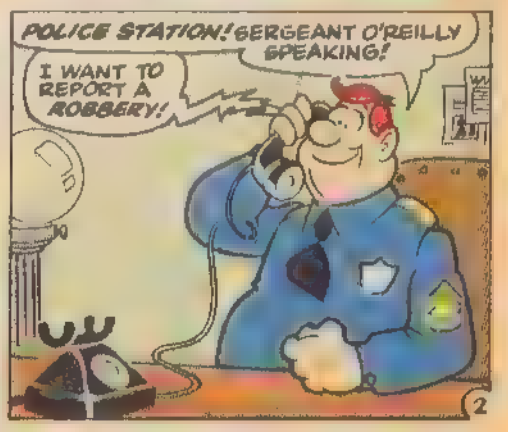

...AND DASHED OFF WITH MY PURSE IN ONE HAND AND OUR DINNER IN THE OTHER!"
OH!
HAW!

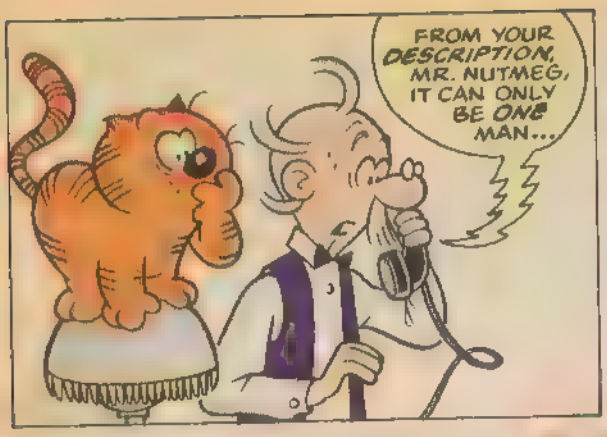

TOO AFRAID TO CALL FOR HELP, I JUST WATCHED AS HE RAN AWAY GOBBLING OUR DINNER!"
MMMMM! DELICIOUS!

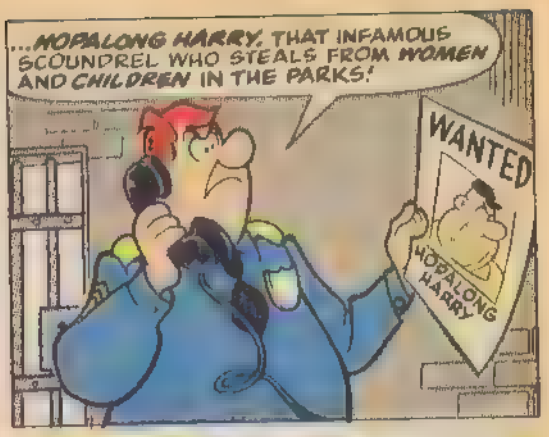

AND COUNTING...MORE OR LESS..HIS LOOT!"
ONE...SEVEN...FOUR...NINE...OH, BOY... ELEVENTEEN DOLLARS!

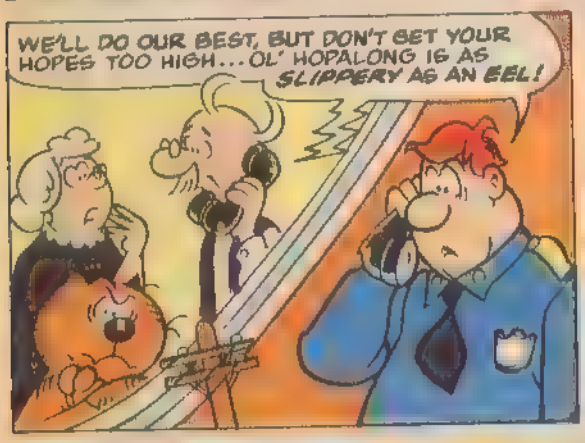

WHY WOULD ANYONE BE SO CRUEL? BOO HOO!
THERE, THERE...THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU'RE NOT HURT!

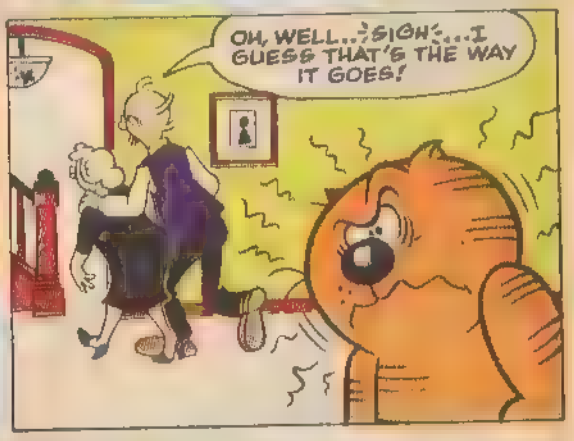

UH, YEG, THANKS, HEATHCLIFF...I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CALL THE POLICE!

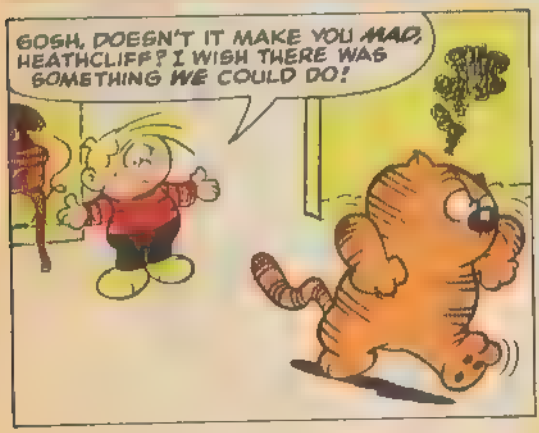

POLICE STATION! SERGEANT O'REILLY SPEAKING!
I WANT TO REPORT A ROBBERY!

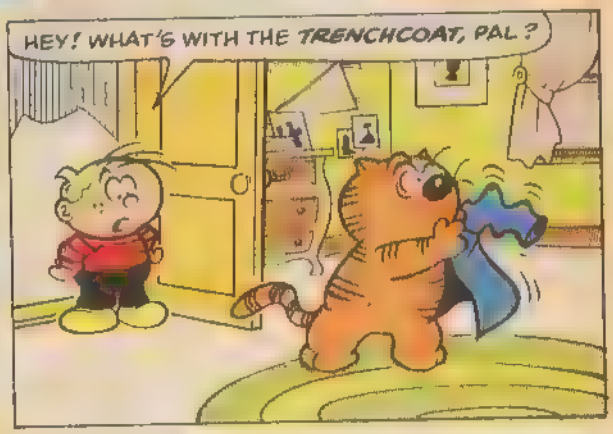

FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION, MR. NUTMEG, IT CAN ONLY BE ONE MAN...

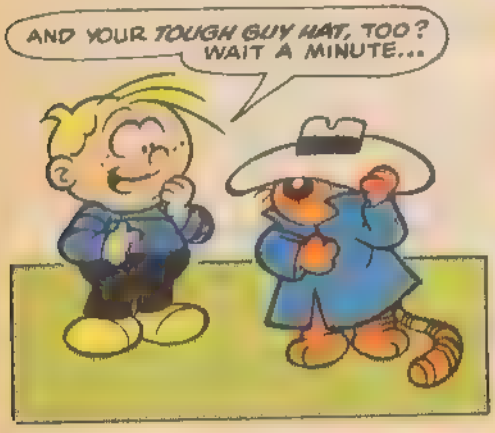

...HOPALONG HARRY, THAT INFAMOUS SCOUNDREL WHO STEALS FROM WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE PARKS!
WANTED
HOPALONG HARRY

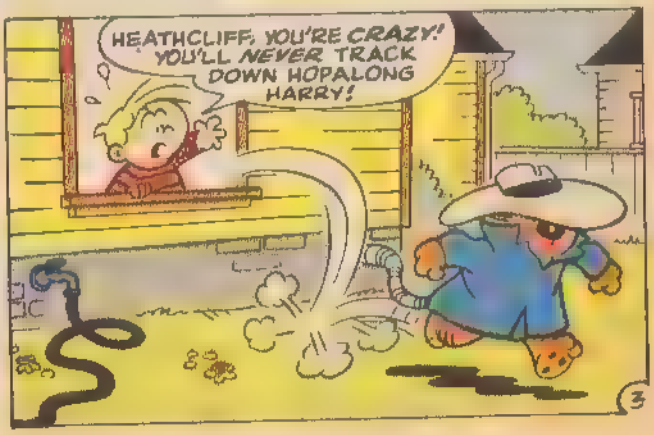

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES TOO HIGH... OL' HOPALONG IS AS SLIPPERY AS AN EEL!


OH, WELL...SIGH...I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES!


GOSH, DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD, HEATHCLIFF? I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO!


HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE TRENCHCOAT, PAL?


AND YOUR TOUGH GUY HAT, TOO? WAIT A MINUTE...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R-R-I-P...
WANTED
HOPALONG
WELL...IF IT AIN'T ME OL' PAL, HEATHCLIFF! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DIS SIDE OF THE TRACKS?
UH, OH! HOPALONG HARRY, EH?
WANTED
HOPALONG HARRY
YEAH, SURE.. I KNOW OL' DOUBLE H!
WORD'S OUT THAT HOPALONG HARRY WILL BE WORKING PAWNBROKER PARK TOMORROW!
THANKS FOR THE MACKEREL, HEATHCLIFF! SEE YOU, PAL!

STAR SIGNALS

SWINGING ON WITH STAR!
★★★★★ It's me, again. I'll bet you think it's a real blast being the **Executive Editor** of *Star Comics*. You're probably convinced that I really enjoy spending most of my time working on the full color adventures of guys like *Heathcliff*, *Thundercats*, *Spider-Ham* and the *Care Bears*.

Well, you're right.

I really love my work. I have the greatest job in the whole world. People actually pay me to read comic books. Can you believe it?

This is what I've always wanted to do. For me, it's a dream come true. A dream which began many years ago.

THE DAY TOM STARTED DREAMING!
★★★★★ I don't remember the exact year or month. I think I was maybe eleven or twelve years old at the time. There was snow on the ground, and it must have been a Saturday afternoon because I wasn't at school. The thing I remember most was that I was bored. I wanted something interesting to happen. I was in the mood for adventure.

So I went to the local soda shop, and checked their comic book rack. It was one of those big spinning things.

I began flipping through the rack, desperately hoping to find something exciting to read. Suddenly, I noticed a flaming figure on one of the covers. He was the **Human Torch**, and it was the cover of *Fantastic Four #3*. A few minutes later, I spotted the **Torch** on another cover—*Fantastic Four #4*.

Needless to say, I bought both comics . . . and they were great! The most exciting comics I had ever seen!

TOM'S DREAM!
★★★★★ That's the day I started to dream. What did I dream about? Well, I wanted to write comic books. I guess I'm a very lucky person. Ever since I was eleven or twelve years old, I've always known what I wanted to do with my life. I've had to work real hard to get here, but it was all worth it. I'm very happy here at *Star Comics*, and I'm glad that I get to share my happiness with you.

DO YOU DREAM?
★★★★★ I'm sure a lot of people have asked you what you want to be when you grow up. Maybe you already have a dream. Maybe you don't. If you do, work hard for it. Don't let anything stop you from trying to reach it. My dream came true, maybe yours will too.

Maybe you don't have a dream yet. Don't worry. It will come . . . someday. In the meantime, you can try a lot of different dreams . . . until you find one which fits . . . which suits you perfectly. Experiment! Try different things, and keep an open mind! You'll know your dream when it hits you. Maybe you'll be a doctor, an astronaut, an actor or a teacher. Whatever it is, I wish you luck!

JUST A THOUGHT!
★★★★★ There's always a chance that you share my dream. Maybe you're eleven or twelve years old right now. Maybe you just picked up a few *Star Comics* and think they're the greatest things you've ever seen. Maybe someday, you'll be writing a column like this. If that's your dream, you'd better start working toward it. Read as many books as you can—real books as well as comics. Study hard in school. Ask your teachers to show you how to draw or write stories. Go for it!

By the way, if you ever do break into comics, stop by and say hello. I really enjoy talking to dreamers.

That's all for now! Until my next *Star Signals* . . .

Thanks for being there!

Tom D

Tom DeFalco, S.T.A.R.
Executive Editor

CHECKLIST

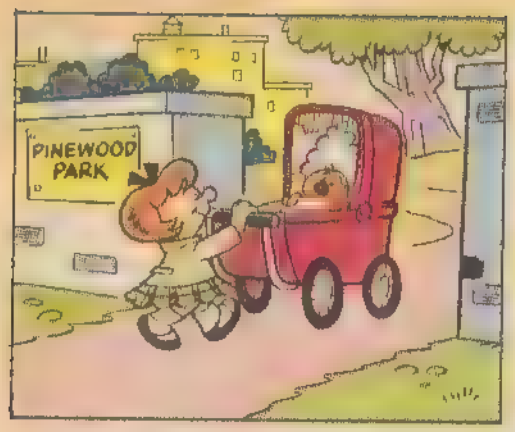
DC COMICS

- ☐ **PLANET TERRY #11**—Meet Terry's father, Vermin the Vile!
- ☐ **FRAGGLE ROCK #6**—Lost . . . in the strangest part of Fraggle Rock!
- ☐ **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE #6**
- ☐ **THUNDERCATS #2**—What are the Berbils?
- ☐ **MISTY #2**—Guest starring Millie the Model!
- ☐ **WALLY THE WIZARD #11**
- ☐ **TOP DOG #6**—Beware of those mad scientists, Frank 'n Stein!
- ☐ **HEATHCLIFF #6**—Special Christmas issue!

MARVEL COMICS

- ☐ **THING #32**
- ☐ **DAREDEVIL #227**—The Kingpin finds a way to destroy DD, thanks to FRANK MILLER and DAVID MAZZUCCHELLI!
- ☐ **NEW MUTANTS #38**—The Beyonder offers Illyana salvation at a terrible price in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #11**
- ☐ **WEST COAST AVENGERS #5**
- ☐ **RED SONJA #12**
- ☐ **SQUADRON SUPREME (Limited Series) #6**
- ☐ **ROBOTIX #1**—A special one-shot by HERB TRIMPE!
- ☐ **CONAN ANNUAL #10**
- ☐ **THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE #3**—Featuring everyone from Cloak and Dagger to Doctor Strange.
- ☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #273**—The Puma meets the Beyonder in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ **CAPTAIN AMERICA #314**—Guest starring Nighthawk from the *Squadron Supreme!*
- ☐ **MICRONAUTS #17**
- ☐ **ALPHA FLIGHT #31**
- ☐ **DOCTOR STRANGE #75**
- ☐ **VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #5**
- ☐ **FANTASTIC FOUR INDEX #3**—Experience issues #32–48! They're great!
- ☐ **LONGSHOT (Limited Series) #6**—The *double-sized* conclusion.
- ☐ **POWER PACK #19**—A *double-sized* extravaganza with guest stars galore!
- ☐ **INCREDIBLE HULK #318**—With She-Hulk, Iron Man, Sub-Mariner and more!
- ☐ **AVENGERS #264**—Introducing the new Yellowjacket! She's bad!
- ☐ **CONAN THE BARBARIAN #178**
- ☐ **MARVEL TALES #184**
- ☐ **X-MEN #202**—Rachel attempts to kill the Beyonder in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ **ROM #75**—Concluding the saga of the Spaceknight!
- ☐ **G.I. JOE #44**
- ☐ **NIGHTCRAWLER (Limited Series) #4**
- ☐ **ETERNALS (Limited Series) #5**
- ☐ **PUNISHER (Limited Series) #2**
- ☐ **MARVEL SAGA #3**—Featuring the complete origin of Dr. Doom, and a whole lot more!
- ☐ **FANTASTIC FOUR #287**—It had to happen! The return of the FF's most deadly foe!
- ☐ **IRON MAN #203**
- ☐ **PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #111**—Meet that amazing spider-friend, the Beyonder, in this *Secret Wars II* cross-over!
- ☐ **THOR #364**—Thor croaks!
- ☐ **TRANSFORMERS #13**
- ☐ **SECRET WARS II (Limited Series) #8**—The Beyonder decides to bring about a golden age on earth!!
- ☐ **MARVEL TEAM-UP INDEX #2**—Find out who Spidey's allies were in issues #24–50!
- ☐ **X-FACTOR #1**—Cyclops, the Beast, Angel and Iceman reunite with a surprise fifth member! This *double-sized* shocker of the year is brought to you by BOB LAYTON and JACKSON GUICE!
- ☐ **DEFENDERS #162**—This *double-sized* final issue is a *Secret Wars II* cross-over and an *X-Factor* tie-in! Miss it not!
- ☐ **DOCTOR WHO #17**
- ☐ **X-MEN ANNUAL #9**

THE NEXT DAY..
HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, GRANDMA?
A LITTLE BETTER, IGGY! WHAT ARE YOU BOYS UP TO THIS MORNING?
ME AND WILLY ARE GOING TO SHOOT BASKETS AND HEATHCLIFF'S GOING FOR A RIDE IN MARCY'S BABY CARRIAGE!
HAVE FUN AND BE CAREFUL! SEE YOU BOTH LATER!
HI, BABY BOY! SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR GRANDMA! SAY, WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE CARRYING?
WOW! A PLAN TO CAPTURE THE ROBBER!
OPERATION BABY BAIT
1
PINEWOOD PARK
2
HOPALONG HARRY
3
STING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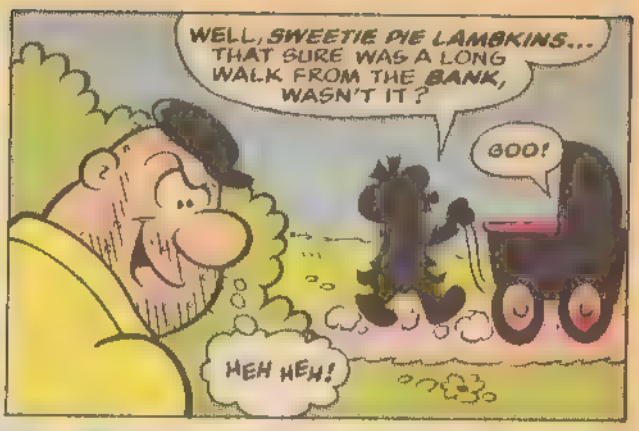
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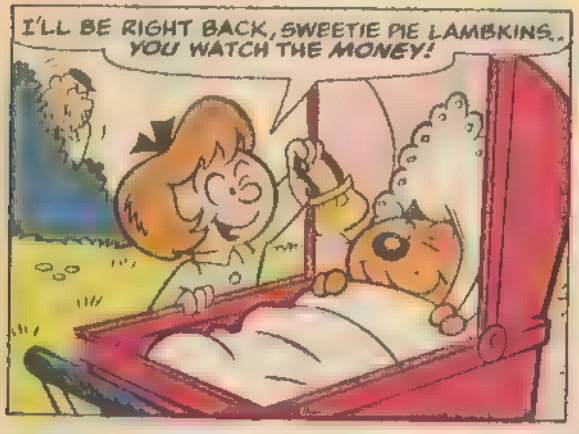
BOO!
HEH HEH!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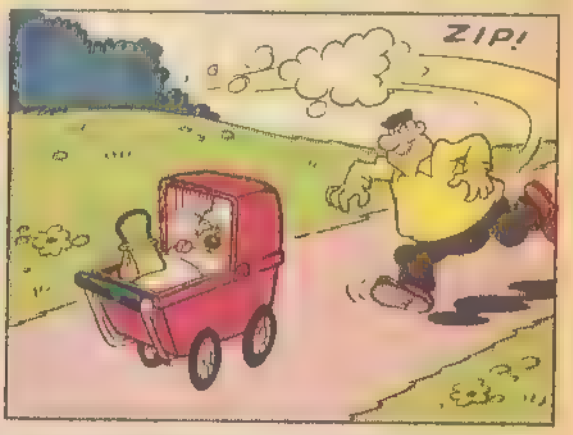
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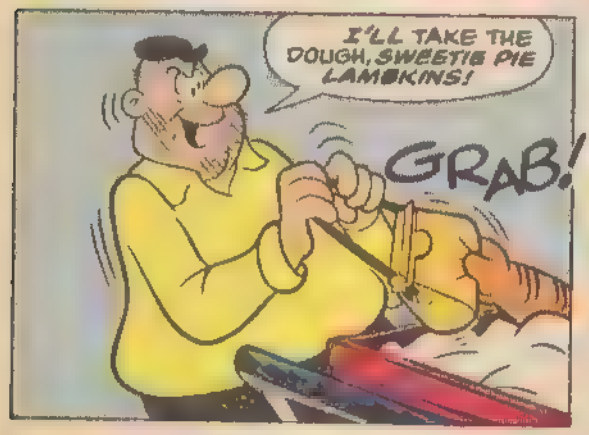
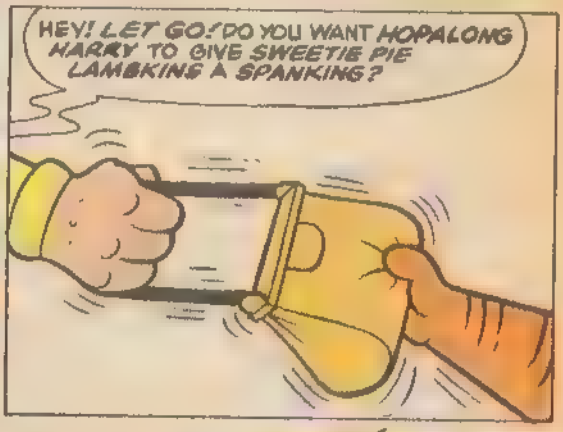
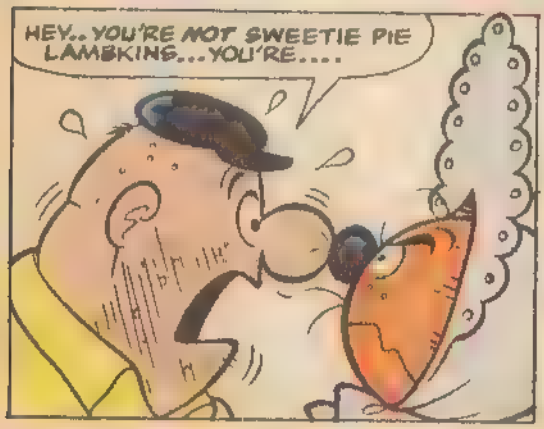

I'LL TAKE THE DOUGH, SWEETIE PIE LAMBKINS!
GRAB!


HEY! LET GO! DO YOU WANT HOPALONG HARRY TO GIVE SWEETIE PIE LAMBKINS A SPANKING?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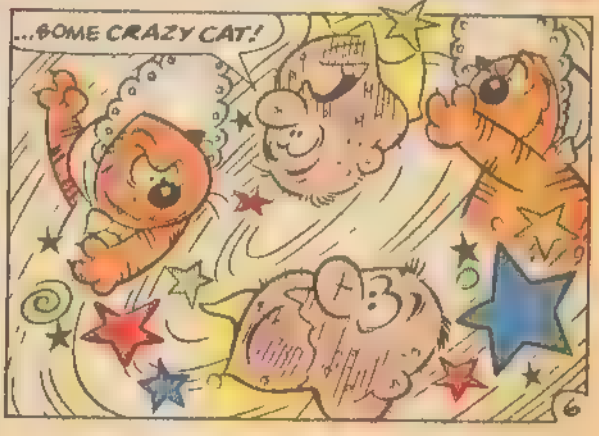
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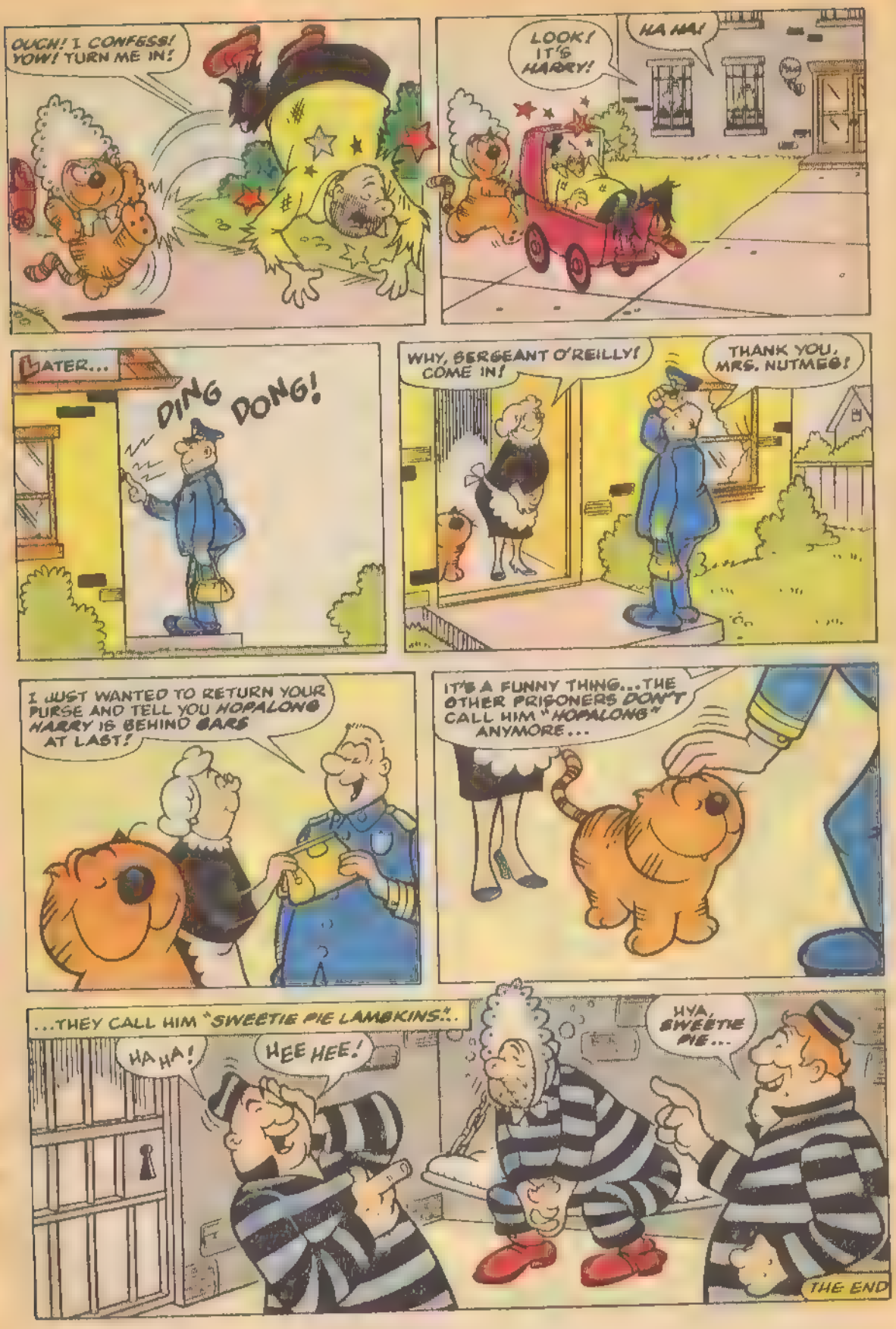
OUCH! I CONFESS! YOW! TURN ME IN!
LOOK! IT'S HARRY!
HA HA!
LATER...
DING DONG!
WHY, SERGEANT O'REILLY! COME IN!
THANK YOU, MRS. NUTMEG!
I JUST WANTED TO RETURN YOUR PURSE AND TELL YOU HOPALONG HARRY IS BEHIND BARS AT LAST!
IT'S A FUNNY THING...THE OTHER PRISONERS DON'T CALL HIM "HOPALONG" ANYMORE...
...THEY CALL HIM "SWEETIE PIE LAMBKINS"..
HA HA!
HEE HEE!
HYA, SWEETIE PIE...
THE END

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